

1 THE HONORABLE JOHN C. COUGHENOUR  
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7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
8 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
9 AT SEATTLE

10 C&C OFFSET PRINTING CO. (USA), INC.,

11 Plaintiff, CASE NO. C20-0556-JCC  
12 v. ORDER  
13 LONE PINE PUBLISHING COMPANY,  
14 Defendant,  
15 and  
16 AMAZON.COM, INC.  
17 Garnishee.  
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19 This matter comes before the Court on Lone Pine Publishing, Inc.'s motion for attorney's  
20 fees (Dkt. No. 17). Having thoroughly considered the parties' briefing and the relevant record,  
21 the Court hereby GRANTS the motion for the reasons explained herein.

22 **I. BACKGROUND**

23 Plaintiff applied for a writ of garnishment against Amazon.com on March 6, 2020,  
24 seeking to garnish funds belonging to "Lone Pine Publishing Company." (Dkt. No. 15 at 2.)  
25 Amazon then placed a hold on funds owed to Lone Pine Publishing, Inc.—a different  
26 company—and Lone Pine Publishing, Inc. moved to quash the writ of garnishment. (*Id.*) The

1 Court granted the motion along with Lone Pine Publishing, Inc.'s request for reasonable attorney  
2 fees and costs contained therein. (*Id.* at 8.) Lone Pine Publishing, Inc. now moves for an award  
3 of attorney fees and costs totaling \$11,546.00. (Dkt. No. 17.)

4 **II. DISCUSSION**

5 Wash. Rev. Code § 6.27.230 dictates that once a garnishment answer is controverted, the  
6 costs of the proceeding, including reasonable attorney fees, will be awarded to the prevailing  
7 party. Lone Pine Publishing, Inc. prevailed in its motion to quash. (Dkt. No. 15 at 8). Thus, Lone  
8 Pine Publishing, Inc. is entitled to reasonable attorney fees and costs incurred in bringing that  
9 motion. Wash. Rev. Code. § 6.27.230. The total of fees and evidence as to the reasonableness of  
10 such fees can be found in the attached declaration of Bryan C. Graff and the included time  
11 report. (Dkt. Nos. 18, 18-1). The Court finds the fees to be reasonable.

12 In addition, under the Court's local rules, "if a party fails to file papers in opposition to a  
13 motion, such failure may be considered by the court as an admission that the motion has merit."  
14 W.D. Wash. Local Civ. R. 7(b)(2). Plaintiff has failed to oppose Lone Pine Publishing, Inc.'s  
15 request for attorney fees and costs. The Court construes this failure as an admission that the  
16 request is reasonable.

17 **III. CONCLUSION**

18 For the foregoing reasons, the Court GRANTS Lone Pine Publishing, Inc.'s motion for  
19 attorney's fees (Dkt. No. 17) is GRANTED.

20 DATED this 15th day of July 2020.

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John C. Coughenour  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE